

Memorial then with skaters and first racers and the race for fame will begin.

At the conclusion of each championship event, skates trophies will be presented by various military, radio, stage and screen celebrities, including Commander Philip Shaw, U. S. Coast Guard; Brig.Gen. George A. Herbst, U. S. Army, and Brenda Marshall, movie star.

Champions will be fairly well set among New York's Herman Van Putten, Brooklyn's Roy Erickson, Tom Smith Jr., Boston; Weber Ley, St. Louis; Ken Batholomew, Minneapolis; Steve Gadus, Chicago; Chet Seroka, Milwaukee; John Simmons, Stamford, Conn., and yesterday's winner of the Detroit Silver Skates tourney.

John and Bob Weigel are chief

umpire and Margie Gunning. The Girls' Intermediate, covering three-eighths of a mile, will be a scramble between Marion Hanley, Virginia Schickerling, Doris Bierbower, Butch Habershaw and Marge Manlove.

Anybody's liable to win any of the events—but, one thing's sure, the spectators at this spectacle can't lose.

Majors to Decide Wartime Policy

By Hy Turkin

Originally scheduled as a routine meeting to ratify major league schedules, a crucial two-day powwow starts in our town this morning. When tomorrow's joint session subsides, important decisions will have been made re expanded night baseball, admission of service men to ballparks, twilight ball, contributions to service organizations, bonus clauses in player contracts, aid to the poor—relative Phils and Browns—and maybe a major deal or two.

Projected into the No. 1 spot by President Roosevelt's recent pat on the back, night baseball undoubtedly will be increased from its present limit of seven home night games a season. But Clark Griffith's plea for unlimited night ball probably will be squelched by staunch foes like Larry MacPhail, Walter Briggs and Ed Barrow. Probable limit: 14.

FAVOR TWILIGHT BALL

Boston, Detroit and Cleveland will ask permission to play twilight ball, so that defense workers will be able to see most of the games. They'll get strong backing from the Cub delegation, which canceled plans to build lighting towers when the war broke, then gave the steel to the Government.

In line with the war effort, clubs probably will decide to play about one game a month entirely for some service benefit, donate baseball equipment (all fouls hit into the stands?) to Army camps, play exhibitions against service teams, admit all soldiers, sailors and marines free, and recommend that the

leagues and clubs buy defense bonds.

So far as Gus Fan is concerned, the most intriguing development centers around trade-minded moguls. Messrs. MacPhail and Durocher are prepared to shell out in heavy cash and players for another starting pitcher, preferably a lefty. Mel Ott, the big little Giant, needs a pitcher and catcher, while canny Bill McKenchnie will be stalking an outfielder who can hit.

MACK SEEKS CROSETTI

Connie Mack will unfold his most venerable wiles in another attempt to lure Frank Crossetti from the Yanks. The poor A's already have sent infielders Al Brancato and Don Richmond into the armed service, while infielders Benny McCoy and Joe Gantenbein await call. But the Yanks already have succored the lean leader, shipping him Buddy Blair from Newark; and besides, the locals need Crossetti as insurance against shortstop Phil Rizzuto's losing his 3-A classification.



Frank
Crossetti



Clark
Griffith

You'll hear more about 'em.

Brooks Trample Philly, 4-0

The Brookhattans, eliminated from the National Cup a week ago, strengthened their hold on first place in the American Soccer League yesterday, by defeating Philadelphia Nationals, 4-0, at Starlight Park.

At halftime, the Brookhattans were leading, 2-0, on goals by Stamatidis and McPhee. In the second half Richards and Jennette contributed a goal apiece.

Greenleaf Vs. Procita

Ralph Greenleaf and Joe Procita will start a 750-point pocket billiard match at Julian's beginning today.

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was blue, jobless, and ready to go back to the farm, when I met my future wife at a Y. W. C. A. party. She inspired me from the start, and when the gathering broke up she said, "I bet I can put a ring on your feet!" "I'll take you on that," I replied, "if you'll promise to marry me!" She didn't say a word, but sat down at the piano and played "The Star Spangled Banner." I've been on my knees successfully, ever since! Manhattan Nest, N. Y. J. M.

I was beginning to think my friend would never propose. Just before he left one evening he said, "I'm being transferred soon. I guess you wouldn't wait until I come back." Surprising myself, I said, "Nope. I don't want to wait!" The next morning, the ticket agent at the local airport phoned me. He said, "Miss, do you want us to hold

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4. All children, whether or not their pictures are published, are eligible for one of the three grand prizes. To be eligible for one of these three prizes, all pictures must be in The News office not later than 6 P. M. Saturday, Feb. 28. However, the winners of the grand prizes of former Beautiful Child Contests are not eligible to compete this year. But the \$25.00 winners in former contests are eligible. Professionals are barred.

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